

APA Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in
Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority

Virtual Meeting Minutes
Open Session
Friday, September 16, 2022

Present: Gerardo Rodriguez-Menendez, PhD, ABPP, MSCP (Chair); Elizabeth A. Lonning, PsyD, MSCP (Vice-Chair); Ronald T. Brown, PhD; Richard Gaynor, MD; Darlyne G. Nemeth, PhD, MP, MPAP, CGP; Derek C. Phillips, PsyD, MSCP, ABMP

Absent: None

APA Staff Present: Deborah C. Baker, JD; Sue Orsillo, PhD; Allison Gillens, MPS

11:00AM (ET): Gerardo Rodriguez-Menendez, PhD, ABPP, MSCP (Chair) convened the open session.

Agenda Item 01: Update on RxP Legislative Efforts

Deborah Baker, JD, Director of Legal & Regulatory Policy at APA, provided committee members with an overview of current RxP legislative and regulatory efforts around the country.

2:00PM (ET): Gerardo Rodriguez-Menendez, PhD, ABPP, MSCP (Chair) re-convened the open session.

Agenda Item 09: Application Submission Deadline for 2023

The Committee considered the submission deadline for applications and interim reports for 2023. The renewal applications for Fairleigh Dickinson University, Idaho State University, and the Chicago School of Professional Psychology as well as the interim report for New Mexico State University are due in 2023.

Action: The Committee approved Friday, May 12, 2023 as the deadline for receipt of any applications and interim reports.

Agenda Item 10: Next Meeting Date

The RxP Designation Committee was asked to set the date for its annual 2023 meeting.

Action: The Committee selected September 15, 2023 as their annual meeting date and September 22, 2023 as an additional meeting date if needed.

Agenda Item 11: Revised RxP Guidelines

The Committee was asked to discuss the timing for revising the following guidelines: Model Legislation for Prescriptive Authority, Model Education and Training Program in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority, and the Designation Criteria for Education and Training Programs in Preparation for Prescriptive Authority. These guidelines were approved by Council in 2019 and will expire after 10 years. However, the committee has the discretion to request that they be reviewed sooner, particularly if there have been new developments in training that require updates.

Action: The Committee determined that a revision to the documents is not currently warranted. Specifically, they agreed that there have been no new developments in training that require the current criteria to be revised. Moreover, given the nature and timing of application due dates, the current criteria have only been used in the review of a few programs. The committee determined that they need more experience applying the current guidelines to inform future revisions. Thus, the guidelines will remain active for 10 years and be set to expire in 2029. APA Staff will follow-up with APA's Policy and Planning Board to update the records.

Agenda Item 12: APA Convention 2023

The RxP Designation Committee discussed whether they should submit a proposal for APA Convention 2023. Potential programming topics include focusing on recruitment of diverse students and faculty, EDI considerations in training for treating specific populations, as well as job and scholarships opportunities within psychopharmacology programs.

Action: Dr. Rodriguez-Menendez and APA Staff will follow-up with the Committee on brainstorming a proposal.

End of open session minutes